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Please **INSERT** the following paragraph at the beginning of **page 2, line 25**, as follows:

FIG. 1A is a blow-up of one of the tab cut-out regions 20 shown in FIG. 1.

Please **AMEND** the paragraph beginning on **page 3, line 1** as follows:

U or V shaped tabs 18 are punched from the inner and outer overlapping portions and thereafter bent inwardly together, about a fold axis 15 to the position illustrated by 18' in FIG. 3, thereby mechanically fixing the inner and outer overlapping portions together. The fold axis 15 is schematically illustrated in dashed lines in the blow-up of the tab cut-out region 20 shown in FIG 1A. Fold axis 15 extends transverse to the longitudinal axis of the elongate sheet 12 at a fold portion of the tab 18 that remains in the plane of the sheet 12. The tab 18 reduces in dimension in a direction parallel to the fold axis 15 between the fold portion and the free end 21 of the tab 18, as shown best in Fig. 1A, where w_1 and w_2 represent the width of the tab, at longitudinally spaced positions parallel to the fold axis 15. Beginning at the fold axis 15 and progressing toward the free end, w_1 is greater than w_2 because the free end 21 has a smaller width than the fold axis 15. Thus, Fig. 1 shows that that the tab 18 reduces in dimension as one moves parallel to the fold axis 15 from the fold portion to the free end 21.

Please **INSERT** the following paragraph immediately after the above paragraph, as follows:

As shown in the Figures, the folded tabs 18 are formed by punching triangular-shaped cut-outs 20, defined by inwardly sloping shoulders 19 of the inner and outer overlapping portions of the sheet. The interaction of the V or V-shaped tab 18 with tapered shoulders 19 mechanically fix the inner and outer overlapping portions together, thereby preventing them from translating relative to each other.